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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 12086

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES -- UNHCR APPEAL FOR FIRST ASYLUM
AND RESETTLEMENT

REF: (A) GENEVA 6397; (B) STATE 194698

1. ON AUGUST 12, EMBOFF CALLED ON UNHCR REP DHAR AND GAVE HIM COPY OF US REPLY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S APPEAL. DHR HAD NOT SEEN OUR REPLY AND EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH IT. EVEN BEFORE EMBOFF WAS ABLE TO SUGGEST HE PROVIDE GOP WITH COPY, DHAR VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD GET IT TO THE DFA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. EMBOFF ASKED FOR REVIEW OF CURRENT BOAT REFUGEE SITUATION. DHAR SAID ALL REFUGEES WHO WERE AT SUBIC, EXCEPT GROUP OF 11 ETHNIC CHINESE WHO WANT TO GO TO TAIWAN, HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO FABELLA CENTER IN MANILA. DHAR ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE NOW APPROX 230 REFUGEES IN CENTER. HE STRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE IN ALLOCATING REFUGEE NUMBERS ON BOAT CASES.

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HE HAS TAKEN SIMILAR LINE PREVIOUSLY WITH DCM AND CHIEF

OF VISA SECTION. IN MAKING HIS PITCH, HOWEVER,
DHAR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR WHAT
US HAS ALREADY DONE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.

3. EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT DHAR'S TRAVEL PLANS AND REPLACE-
MENT. HE REPLIED THAT HE DEPARTS MANILA AUGUST 27 FOR
SINGAPORE WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH SAMPAT KUMAR. AFTER
ATTENDING CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK, DHAR WILL PROCEED TO GENEVA.
DHAR IS HOPEFUL THAT IF THERE IS HIATUS BETWEEN HIS DEPARTURE
AND ARRIVAL OF HIS SUCCESSOR, IT WILL BE BRIEF. HE SAID HIS
GENEVA HEADQUARTERS FULLY AWARE OF HELPFUL ROLE PHILIPPINES
CAN PLAY IN SMALL BOAT REFUGEE CASES.
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